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1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS FROM PENTAGON THAT ONLY 133 MARINES ARE INVOLVED IN TEMPORARY DUTY ON CYPRUS IN CONNECTION WITH NIMBUS STAR (THREE IN AKROTIRI FOR HELICOPTER ASSEMBLY AND DISASSEMBLY AND 130 IN DHEKELIA FOR MAINTENANCE OF IWO JIMA'S NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF CONVENTIONAL HELICOPTERS). PENTAGON ASSURES US THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR ANY KIND OF ROTATIONAL SHORE LEAVE ON CYPRUS FOR IWO JIMA'S APPROXIMATELY 1500-MAN CREW.

2. IN LIGHT OF THIS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTRY (PELAGHIAS) STATING THAT "IT NOW APPEARS THAT SOME 1400 PERSONS WILL BE INVOLVED (THOUGH ONLY A SMALL PORTION WILL BE ON LEAVE AT ANY TIME) RATHER THAN 200 WHICH HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD WHEN I TALKED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER." KISSINGER

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